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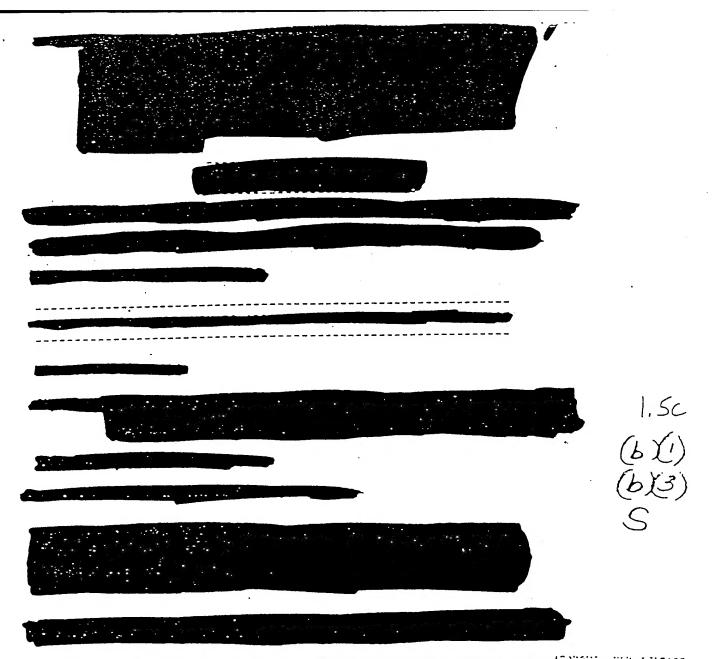
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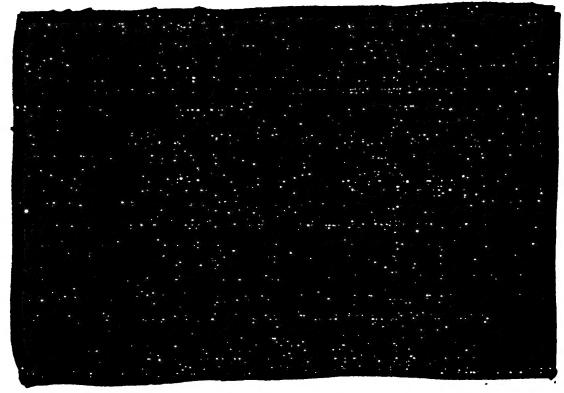


ON 9 DECEMBER 1992, GUATEHALAN COVERNMENT LEADERS LEARNED TO THE THAT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WAS PREPARING A DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION THAT PLACES GUATEHALA UNDER ITEM 12 APPLICABLE TO THE WORLD'S WORST HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENDERS. ITEM 12 ALSO CALLS FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF A HUMAN RIGHTS RAPPORTEUR FOR GUATEMALA.

COMMENT: ITEM 12 APPARENTLY REFERS TO ONE OF THE DECLARATIONS OF STATUS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES THAT ARE DETERMINED AT THE ANNUAL UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHOR) HEETINGS IN GENEVA. DURING THE UNHRC HEETING IN EARLY 1992, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) COUNTRIES INITIALLY SUPPORTED MOVING GUATEMALA FROM AGENDA ARTICLE 19 (ADVISORY SERVICES), REQUIRING ONLY THE APPOINTMENT OF A UN ADVISER/EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO THE MORE ONEROUS AGENDA ITEM 12 (COUNTRY SPECIFIC), WHICH IS RESERVED FOR THE MOST SERIOUS VIOLATORS AND REQUIRES THE NAMING OF A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR. THIS REPORTED DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION INDICATES THAT, AS IT HAS IN PAST YEARS, THE EC WILL GO TO THE NEXT UNHOR MEETING IN EARLY 1993 WITH THE INTENTION OF PRESSING FOR A CHANGE IN GUATEMALA'S STATUS FROM ARTICLE 19 TO ARTICLE 12.)

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FFICIAL COMMENTED OF THE EUROPEAN DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE COC AND THE GUATEHALAN THE COC HAS BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST THE PASSAGE OF SUCH AN ITEM FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ITEM 12 ARE THE HOST SIGNIFICANT, AS IT PUTS GUATEMALA IN THE CATEGORY OF SUCH COUNTRIES AS IRAQ. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS DIRECTING HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY TOWARD GUATEMALA IN SUCH A WAY THAT GUATEMALA EVENTUALLY WILL BE IN A SITUATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF EL SALVADOR, WITH A PERMANENT UN HUMAN RIGHTS PRESENCE. THE GOG RECENTLY HAS COME UNDER INCREASED PRESSURE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR HORE INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE PEACE NECOTIATIONS WITH THE GUATEMALAN GUERRILLAS, TO WHICH THE COG IS STRONGLY OPPOSED. THE CURRENT VIEW AHONG SENIOR HILITARY AND COG OFFICIALS IS TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES BUT ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE NOW, WITH NO FURTHER CONCESSIONS.



REGARDING ONE WELL-KNOWN HUMAN RIGHTS CASE, THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY HAS COME UNDER INCREASED PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES (U.S.) ON BEHALF OF THE BLAKE FAMILY WHOSE SON NICHOLAS ((BLAKE)), DA FREELANCE JOURNALIST, WAS MURDERED IN GUATEMALA ALONG WITH COLLEAGUE CRIFFEN ((DAVIS)) DIN 1985.

BLAKE FAMILY CURRENTLY IS PREPARING TO PRESENT A CASE AGAINST GUATEMALA IN THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT IN AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR THE LENGTHY SEARCH FOR THEIR SON'S REMAINS AND FOR THE GRIEF SUFFERED BY FAMILY MEMBERS. SPECIFICALLY THE MOTHER WHO APPARENTLY HAS HEALTH PROBLEMS WHICH RESULTED FROM THIS INCIDENT.

THE U.S. SHOULD NOT EXPECT GOG AUTHORITIES
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